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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

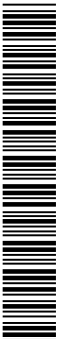
A BILL

To amend title 3, United States Code, and the Uniform
Time Act of 1966 to establish a single poll closing time
for Presidential general elections.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Uniform Poll Closing
5 Act of 2000”.



1 **SEC. 2. SINGLE POLL CLOSING TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL**
2 **GENERAL ELECTIONS.**

3 Chapter 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amended
4 by—

5 (1) redesignating section 21 as section 22; and

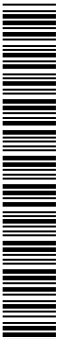
6 (2) inserting after section 20 the following new
7 section:

8 **“SEC. 21. SINGLE POLL CLOSING TIME.**

9 “(a) Each polling place in each State shall close, with
10 respect to a Presidential general election, at 9:00 o’clock
11 post meridiem, eastern standard time. Any person who,
12 as determined under the law of the State involved, arrives
13 at a polling place after that time shall not be permitted
14 to vote in the Presidential general election.

15 “(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a polling place
16 shall close, with respect to a Presidential general election,
17 as provided by the law of the State involved, in the case
18 of a polling place at which each person who is eligible to
19 vote has voted.

20 “(c) Notwithstanding section 1 or any other provision
21 of law, in the case of the States of Alaska and Hawaii,
22 a State may open polling places with respect to a Presi-
23 dential general election during the day preceding the day
24 provided under such section in addition to the day pro-
25 vided under such section, so long as the State meets the



1 requirements of subsection (a) with respect to the day pro-
2 vided under such section.

3 “(d) As used in this section, the term ‘Presidential
4 general election’ means the election for electors of Presi-
5 dent and Vice President.”.

6 **SEC. 3. EXTENDED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN PACIFIC**
7 **TIME ZONE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**
8 **YEARS.**

9 Section 3 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15
10 U.S.C. 260a) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new subsection:

12 “(d)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this sec-
13 tion, in each year in which a Presidential general election
14 takes place, the period of time during which the standard
15 time shall be advanced with respect to the Pacific time
16 zone shall end at 2:00 o’clock ante meridiem on the first
17 Sunday after the date of that election.

18 “(2) As used in this subsection, the term ‘Presi-
19 dential general election’ means the election for electors of
20 President and Vice President.”.

21 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

22 (a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 3, UNITED STATES
23 CODE.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 3,
24 United States Code, is amended—



1 (1) by redesignating the item relating to section
2 21 as the item relating to section 22; and

3 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
4 tion 20 the following new item:

“21. Single poll closing time in continental United States.”.

5 (b) AMENDMENTS TO UNIFORM TIME ACT OF 1966.—

6 Section 3(a) of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C.
7 260a(a)) is amended by striking out “2 o’clock ante-
8 meridian” each place it appears and inserting in lieu
9 thereof “2:00 o’clock ante meridiem”.

